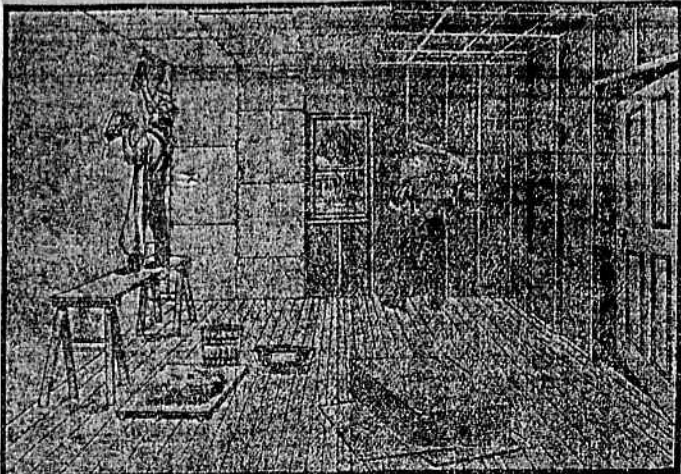


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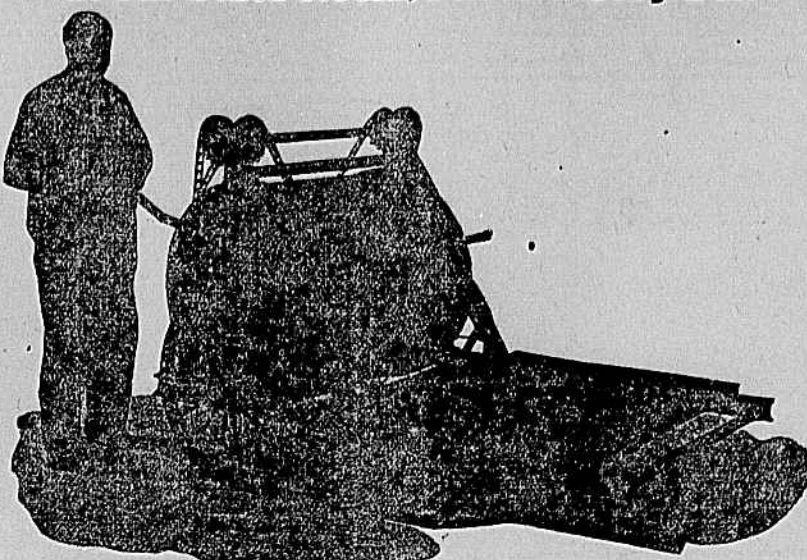
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in troughs, unless there is grass in  
the runs. Keep your drinking ves-  
sels clean and keep them in the shade  
in hot weather. This is very impor-  
tant, as the sun gets the water warm  
and unfit to drink very quickly, and is  
one of the main causes of diarrhoea in  
young chickens.

Overfeeding is almost worse than  
underfeeding; the former causes in-  
fertile eggs, and very few at that; also  
causes liver trouble, paving the way  
for any sickness, just like in  
humans beings.

Always take a little time in feeding.  
If you have several pens one should  
walk through them two or three times,  
giving a little feed each time. It  
will be relished more than if all is  
thrown down at once. Feeding time  
is also your best chance of watching  
your birds for any trouble. If you  
see a bird not anxious for food catch  
it up and look at its eyes; you can  
tell almost any sick bird by their  
eyes, particularly those which is the  
most prevalent of any poultry dis-  
ease. You will find one of their eyes  
a little swollen. Grease with a little  
carbolized vasoline; if you have not  
better use kerosene oil. If too  
bad, buy a package of roup cure from  
your dealer. A piece of camphor is  
very good to keep in the drinking  
water, as it prevents contagion. Don't  
feed old stock more than twice a day,  
and use the grain feed for their night  
feed. It will give you the best re-  
sults. Green feeds will greatly help  
your egg yield. Cabbage, turnip or  
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